



## Warren Michael Sallis

August 18, 1945 - November 21, 2024

Warren Michael Sallis, 79, of Moses Lake, WA entered into the presence of his Heavenly Father on November 21, 2024. He was a son, brother, husband, father, papa and patriot. Born in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 18, 1945.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Warren and Elizabeth Sallis, brother-in-law Frank Cramer and survived by sisters Diane Cramer and Regina Timm (Rockne) of Spokane. He was a devoted Uncle to many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Michael (Mike) is survived by his wife of 21 years, Coleen Sallis; his children, daughter Kristin Price and Mitch, son Sean Sallis and Cassandra-Josiah, Jonah, and Joy, and stepson Jason O'Keefe.

Coleen's children; Johnny and Nancy Rommell-Charly, Nicole, and Stacy, Alice Sosa-Tre, Anthony, and Nik, Carolina Rommel, Steve and Yoriko Sosa-Hiro, Patricia Barakat and Saleem-Elias, and Lorraine Bernal -Nate, Briella, and Olivia.

Mike joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1966, promoted to Sergeant after being shot in Vietnam.

He received a Purple Heart, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit

Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Union Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with four stars, and Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star, along with Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1970.

He attended Eastern Washington University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts in 1973. After serving his country for four years, he went on to become a Veterans Affairs Administration Employee Benefit Counselor from 1974-1979, at which time he transferred to adjudication and eventually became a Senior Examiner. He was also the first Ex-Pow Coordinator at a VA Regional office in the nation until retirement in 1982.

Upon retirement Mike became a veterans advocate in Washington State and a volunteer service officer for the local Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 686. Founder of the Grant County Veterans Service Center in 1995 in Moses Lake, WA. This service center assisted veterans, dependents, and survivors in filing claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs, including services at the VA Medical Centers, and provided licensed counseling for veterans in Moses Lake and surrounding areas. Accomplishments were the Joe Hooper Memorial at McCosh Park, Veterans Service Center, and Homeless Veterans program. He continued to help veterans until his passing in whatever capacity he was able to.

He was well known in the community for his love, hard work, strong personality, and great smile. He kept us all laughing and if there was a job to get done, just leave it up to the Vietnam Vet. Semper Fi

Celebration of Life will be held on January 11, 2025 at First Baptist Church of Moses Lake

724 W. 4th Ave. Moses Lake, WA. 98837 at 2pm.



# Cemetery Details

## Washington State Veterans Cemetery

21702 W. Espanola Road  
Medical Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 11. 2:00 PM (PT)

First Baptist Church  
724 W. 4th Ave.  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

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“ When I was born in 1962, Uncle Michael was a teenager. He came out to the car when my mom and dad brought me home from the hospital, took me from my mom and walked into the house with me and held me. And so the bond began. I love you always.

Theresa Enright - December 30, 2024 at 09:56 PM

LZ

“ Colleen, so sorry to hear about Mike! We haven't seen him for several years, but talk about him when we run across a picture or some other reminder. His and Jrs antics always made me laugh. Both Jr and I are very very grateful for his help in getting VA assistance. He truly did a lot for veterans. RIP Mike, and Colleen, may peace be with you and your family, too. Jr and Luann Zane

Luann Shoemaker Zane - December 28, 2024 at 02:05 AM

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I met Mike through a Ex husband and became close friends . We spend time off and off seeing him at Vet eran events and helping other vets with him and my ex Paul. I know his wife Colleen who I love and Son Sean . He will be Missed but Know God had other plans for him . Symphony for all and sorry for the loss . Rest Well Mike !

Wilma Holeman - January 01, 2025 at 01:29 AM

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Always had a mischeivious smile and will be missed by many. Sorry for your loss Coleen. I know you have some great memories

Linda Strunk - January 09, 2025 at 07:32 PM

GC

Mike was a good friend and best man at my wedding. We had many good times together.

Gary Calverase - March 25 at 09:07 AM